

CUT IN RAIL WAGES GIVES EMPLOYMENT TO THOUSANDS NOW IDLE

LOWER PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RATES ARE EXPECTED NEXT

Owners Hope for 20 Per Cent
Decrease in Pay—Employees
Oppose Over 12.

REDUCTION MEANS MORE
BUSINESS, SAY EXECUTIVES

Much of Sting Will Be Re-
moved by Increased Em-
ployment for Workers.

HEADS COMPLAIN OF TRUCKS

Declare Highway Shipments Have
Taken Large Amount of
Their Revenues.

By Alexander P. Jones,
United News Staff Correspondent.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Reduction of
railroad wages, to be announced July
1 by the Federal Railroad Labor
Board, will mean the re-employment
of thousands of employes now idle,
it was declared by executives here
Wednesday.

Expected action in regard to reduc-
tion of freight and passenger rates
by the administration, with a re-
sultant increase in the volume of
railroad business and more work for
employes in train service is also ex-
pected to remove much of sting that
would otherwise be contained in the
wage slash.

Want 20 Per Cent Cut.
The fact that the railroad board
has not yet decided the extent of
the wage reduction caused executives
to be somewhat wary of announcing
their immediate plans. Executives
are unanimous in saying that a
thing less than a 20 per cent
reduction will not give them enough
financial aid, nor make possible any
reduction of rates. They ask com-
plete revocation of the 20 per cent
increase of last year. The employe
representatives declare that they
will protest anything over a 12 per
cent cut.

"While we believe that the decision
of the board should be made effec-
tive before July 1, the roads will
stand ready to take back thousands
of maintenance of way employes now
idle when the cut is announced,"
said P. W. Sargent, solicitor-general
of the Chicago and Northwestern,
who was a leader before the rail-
road board in the fight for wage re-
ductions.

"We would like to re-employ these
men now, but the money is not avail-
able."
"It is true that if a reduction of
rates is to follow the wage reductions
that the volume of business should
pick up and, thus, many classes of
employes on an hourly basis would
have more to do and so would not
be greatly affected by the action of
the board."

Officials of the American Associa-
tion of Railway Executives declared
that more than 250,000 railroad men
(Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

Will Be Given Rich Coal Area.
NEW YORK, May 18.—Poland will
be awarded the rich coal areas in
Upper Silesia, regardless of the out-
come of the present insurrection
there, Prince Lubomirski, Polish
minister, declared here today.

PROHIBITIONISTS FROWN AS U. S. PROMISES TO BE WET FOR PERIOD OF 40 LONG DAYS

Beginning Tomorrow, 740 Dry Agents Will Be Dropped
From Service Due to Lack of Funds—Num-
ber Will Be Restored July 1.

By Ralph H. Turner,
United News Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—For forty
days and forty nights, beginning Fri-
day, there will be a perceptible in-
crease in the wetness of these United
States.

This forecast, issued reluctantly
and with considerable misgivings,
comes from the office of the Prohibi-
tion Commissioner in Washington. It
is supported, and viewed with even
greater alarm, by officials of the
Anti-Saloon League.

For on Friday, approximately 740
prohibition enforcement agents will
be dropped from the service, due to
the failure of Congress to grant a
deficiency appropriation for enforce-
ment of the Volstead act. The serv-
ice will continue with its under-
manned personnel until July 1, when
the new appropriation of \$7,500,000
becomes effective. Prohibition en-
forcement already had received a
deficiency appropriation of \$1,400,-
(Continued on Page 2, Col. 5.)

Trotsky Seriously Ill, Reported Cancer Victim

[By Associated Press.]
RIGA, May 18.—Information has
reached Riga today to confirm the
report that Leon Trotsky, the
Russian Bolshevik War Minister,
is seriously ill. He is said to be
in a sanitarium near Moscow
suffering from cancer.

Some mystery, however, sur-
rounds the case, as recently Mos-
cow reports were circulated to the
effect that he and Vladimir Kry-
lenko, former Bolshevik com-
mander in chief of the Russian
armies, had gone to the Afghan-
istan frontier.

No mention of Trotsky's illness
is made in any of the Moscow
newspapers, the information con-
cerning him reaching outside
points only through travelers from
Russia.

According to one of them, the
collapse of Trotsky's health, add-
ed to the physical breakdown of
several Bolshevik leaders, is in-
creasing the difficulties in which
the Premier, Nikolai Lenin, finds
himself trying to stave off the fall
of his regime, which is faced by
extraordinary disorganization of
transport and fuel.

V. R. & P. FRANCHISE BEFORE COMMITTEE

First Step Toward Concrete Ac-
tion Taken by Councilmen
in Executive Session.

ADVISORY BOARD PRESENT

Question of Engaging Services
of Expert to Survey Company's
Property Is Fully Discussed.

The first real step toward serious
consideration of the petition of the
Virginia Railway and Power Com-
pany for a blanket franchise was
taken by the Streets Committee of
the City Council last night, when the
company was requested to forward
to the committee at its earliest con-
venience a redraft of the first three
pages of the proposed franchise, as
submitted by the company. This
description of the document embraces a
description of the proposed routes
under the suggested franchise. The
committee wants more information
as to designated lines and routes,
with maps and proposed extensions,
with a description of the company's
method of operation.

The committee went seriously into
the business before it, with Assistant
City Attorney Anderson, Director
Saville, of the Department of Works,
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UNABLE TO HEAR COMPLAINT OF GEORGIA MELON RAISERS

[By Associated Press.]
WASHINGTON, May 18.—The Inter-
state Commerce Commission today
informed Senator Harris, of Georgia,
that it could not reach for final hear-
ing before June 20, a complaint of
Georgia watermelon growers asking
a reduction of freight rates. The
growers had asked immediate action
in order to aid in moving the present
crop. After a recent conference
in Macon, railway officials declined
to make a voluntary reduction in
rates, and the commission informed
Senator Harris that in view of such
declination the carriers under the
law must be allowed a reasonable
time for a hearing.

\$100,000 GIVEN TO U. OF VA. FUND BY CARNEGIE CONCERN

Gift Will Not Be Payable
Until \$500,000 Is
Raised.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 18.—
Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president
of the University of Virginia, tonight
announced that he had received a
gift of \$100,000 from the Carnegie
Corporation of New York, for the
University's Centennial Endowment
Fund.

The only condition attached to the
gift is that the money shall be used
for purposes of permanent endow-
ment and that it shall be payable
after there has been raised not less
than \$500,000 for permanent endow-
ment from other sources.

Dr. Alderman stated that the Car-
negie Corporation's gift has been
donated for the completion of the
first \$1,000,000,000 of the \$2,000,000
Centennial Endowment Fund. The
fund total now stands at \$368,000.

BETTER SCHOOLS AND RECREATION ARE RURAL NEEDS

Agriculture Secretary Wallace
Tells Conference Farmer Is
Bulwark of Nation.

BODY MADE PERMANENT
IN FINAL DAY'S SESSION

Dr. Robert R. Moton Pleads for
Opportunities for Colored
Tiller of Soil.

Adoption of a resolution making
the organization a permanent one, and
an address by Henry C. Wallace, Sec-
retary of Agriculture, were outstand-
ing features yesterday at the closing
session of the two-day meeting of
delegates from all parts of Virginia,
who attended the Rural Life Confer-
ence called by Governor Davis. Sec-
retary Wallace declared that the fu-
ture of the country depends mainly
on upkeep of the farming industry.

"The country life movement," he
declared, "began in the cities and
towns when prices of foodstuffs went
up and various farm commodities be-
gan to become scarce. It was realized
by residents of large communities
that unless something was done to
foster rural life, the country soon
would become dependent on other na-
tions for its foodstuffs, at the same
time having to pay exorbitant prices
for a lower quality."

Following realization by residents
of cities that it was necessary for a
return to the soil, ministers and stu-
dents became interested in the prob-
lem, and lent their aid to fostering
the movement.

"Farmers were anxious to give their
children better educational advan-
tages than those offered in the rural
schools, and moved their families to
the cities."

"During war, when fathers, hus-
bands and sons were called into the
service of their country, it fell to the
lot of the women and few men who
were left behind, to till the soil."

"When the war was over, men who
had been in the service were loath to
return to the soil, where they could
have more lucrative positions, pleas-
ures and convenience in the country
and not have to work so hard or so long
as at farming."

"Farmers, themselves, realize that
conditions in the country must be
bettered before there will be any
large movement to return. It is a
national problem and deserves the
solid thought of the best minds."

"It doesn't make any difference
about telling a farmer it is his duty
to remain and till the soil, or to tell
the man living in the city that it is
patriotic of him to go there."

"There is nothing which will cause
an increase in farming except to
place in the country the conveniences
of education, recreation, church and
social life that there are in the cities.
When this is accomplished, a long
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CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE IS DYING; LAST RITES ARE ADMINISTERED

Physicians Expect End to Come
at Any Minute—Illness
Follows Operation.

FAMILY REMAINS AT BEDSIDE

Well-Known Jurist Lies at
Point of Death in Wash-
ington Hospital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—
Chief Justice White died at 2 o'clock
this morning.

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tice White is failing gradually and
the end may be expected at any
time, attending physicians said at
11:25 tonight, after an examination
of the patient at the hospital, where
he recently underwent an operation.
A bulletin issued by the physicians
said:

"Chief Justice White continues to
fail gradually. He has been uncon-
scious throughout the day and the
end may be expected at any time."

The death of Chief Justice White
of the United States was considered
only a matter of hours by physicians
in attendance upon him at a hospital
tonight. Hope for his recovery of
complications that developed after an
operation last Friday for bladder
trouble was abandoned last night. It
was said that only his remarkable
vitality had enabled him to live
through today.

The last rites of the Catholic
Church were administered when he
revived from a state of coma for a
few minutes, but soon lapsed into
unconsciousness again.

At the bedside were Mrs. White and
other close relatives while during the
day attaches of the Supreme Court
and others went to the hospital to
inquire as to his condition. Associ-
ate Justices were among those who
called, but when informed that the
chief justice was unconscious and
that his death was inevitable, left
visibly moved and did not return.

Delegation of Business Men From
Richmond and Petersburg Ap-
pears Before Military Body.

DECLARED IDEAL LOCATION

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mittee of the House Committee on
Military Affairs today.

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Swanson and Glass, Representatives
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ideal location of the Maryland-Vir-
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2 SLAIN, 1 DYING, 20 SEIZED AS RESULT OF GUN BATTLE

BYROMVILLE, GA., May 18.—Two
negroes are dead and one white man
is at the point of death in a Cordele
Hospital as the result of a gun fight
that began near here last night and
extended into today.

Twenty negroes have been placed
under arrest, and at least twenty-
five guns of various sizes have been
taken from negroes by the officers of
Dooley County.

At the hospital at Cordele the
wounded white man's name was
given as L. C. Davis, of Summerville,
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route from Kelly Field, Texas, to
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that the three ships probably will
hop off from Park Field here tomor-
row morning for the Virginia field
with a possible stop at Cincinnati.

Two of the machines reached Park
Field from Dallas, Texas, late yester-
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Field, Lonoke, Ark., owing to a minor
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BRITAIN STANDS READY TO USE ARMY TO DRIVE OUT POLISH INVADERS

JAMESTOWN ISLE'S PURCHASE MOVED IN U. S. SENATE

Senator Willis, of Ohio, Intro-
duces Resolution to Have
Property Appraised.

WOULD HAVE GOVERNMENT
OWN NATION'S BIRTHPLACE

But 22 of Its 1,600 Acres Now
Dedicated to Historical
Purposes.

By J. Frederic Essary.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Appoint-
ment of a commission to investigate
and appraise the value of Jamestown
Island, Virginia, to the end that it
may be acquired by the government
and forever maintained as the historic
site of the first foothold of the Anglo-
Saxon institutions in the new world
was proposed in a resolution intro-
duced today by Senator Frank B.
Willis, of Ohio.

Senator Willis' resolution recites
that a small part of Jamestown Is-
land, about twenty-two acres, has
been dedicated to historical purposes,
"but the greater part of its 1,600
acres, comprising the unexplored
foundations of a large part of the
ancient settlement, remains subject
to the vicissitudes of private owner-
ship, the temptations of money-making
enterprises and the physical destruction
by the erosive agencies of nature."

He asks that the Secretary of the
Treasury be directed to name a com-
mission of three persons to appraise
the value of Jamestown Island, "the
property of Louise J. Harney, and
make recommendation to Congress
regarding its purchase by the United
States with a view to preserving it
as a national memorial of the first
permanent English settlement in
North America."

For the expenses of the investiga-
tion and appraisal an appropriation
of \$2,500 would be authorized and the
commission's report would be made at
the opening of the next session of
Congress.

"This historic spot," says the pre-
amble of the Willis resolution, "not
only possesses a unique interest in
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NEWSPAPER PRINTER'S WAGES CUT 50 CENTS PER DAY IN NASHVILLE

Men on Morning Editions Will
Be Paid \$6; Those on
Afternoon \$5.50.

[By Associated Press.]
NASHVILLE, TENN., May 18.—
Reuben E. Folk, former State Treasurer,
arbitrator in the controversy between
newspaper printers and local pub-
lishers over a wage scale for this
year, in which the printers asked an
increase of \$1 per day and the pub-
lishers asked a \$1 per day reduction
today, gave his decision in favor of a
50 cent per day reduction, making the
scale for afternoon papers \$5.50 and
for morning papers \$6 per day.

Reduced cost of living was made
the basis of the decision.

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British Officer Disarms 15 Polish Revolutionists

[By Associated Press.]
BERUTHEN, May 18.—Colonel
Cockrell, British control officer,
lectured, disarmed and sent home
fifteen Polish insurgents who
halted him at 3 o'clock in the
morning and attempted to examine
his papers and give him orders.

The colonel jumped out of his
automobile and shouted: "What
are you boys doing out at this time
with guns? Give me your names."

The insurgents, who were mostly
youngsters, were nonplussed. The
leader finally handed over his rifle
and the colonel boxed his ears. He
then made the others give up their
guns and advised them all to go
home. Loading their rifles into
the machine, he proceeded to
British headquarters.

The colonel's chauffeur, a Prus-
sian soldier, said afterwards: "I
have been through four years of
war, but that was the nerviest
thing I ever saw."

7 DIE, MANY HURT IN IRISH OUTBREAKS

Armed Civilians Fire Upon Sol-
diers While Playing
Football.

HOUSES ARE BLOWN UP